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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **VARIABLE VALVE TIMING STRUCTURE FOR OUTBOARD ENGINE**; the specification of which is attached hereto;

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